

Sustainable Arlington MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 16 June 2015

Present: Gail McCormick, DeAnne Dupont, David Landskov, Susan Lees, Laura Notman (part/reporting), Ashka Naik (part)

Guests Presenting: Anne Goodwin (Mothers out Front), Pam Hallett (Housing Corp. of Arlington)

- *Reviewed and Approved May 2015 Meeting Minutes*
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Housing Corporation of Arlington Affordable Housing Presentation / Anne Goodwin & Pam Hallett:
 - Pam presented Affordable housing project at Covenant Church Site
- **COMMUNITY AGGREGATION:** Anne Goodwin of Mothers out Front & Sustainable Arlington Energy Working Group are working on community aggregation (as proposed at the EcoFest follow up meeting)
 - MoF are working with MAPC, who is funding a community aggregation consultant & vetting the options
 - Good Energy is the group MoF is preferring
 - The procurement process (by MAPC) will take place over the summer
 - Plan to bring the proposal to the Arlington Board of Selectmen in the fall. Dan Dunn and Joe Curro were suggested as board members it would be good to reach out to.
 - If the Board approves plan would be to bring it to town meeting in 2016.
 - Need to form a coalition to move forward. What to call it?
 - Hold precinct forums
 - Get League of women voters to endorse? Deanne's contact: Angela Olszewski, amolszewski@gmail.com)
- **HISTORIC & SOLAR:** Also discussed was the need to have a policy discussion with the Historic Commission regarding Solar Panels
- **T-SHIRTS:** Design is ready, decide on sizes:
 - XL – 10, L-10, M-10, S-10, Toddler?
 - Sales Strategy? – Could do presale to members
 - Need to determine if we can sell on the website without 501C3 Status
 - Cost would be approx. \$19.00 plus shipping
- 2020 Vision status discussion
- MCAN Sponsor discussed
- **PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR:** All Done and sent
- **ECOFEST:**
- Adaptation or Resiliency
 - Ideas about bringing it beyond the day of the event, distributing some kind of signals around the town to represent areas of adaptation or resiliency.
 - Red Flag idea – mark areas that are 'challenged' for resiliency with a red flag that would have information about resiliency issues. Make flags from recycled materials:
 - Could the flags just be markers linked to a website with explanations of each flag.
 - Concern red flags would seem too negative – can it be flipped around to positive locations or a combination?
 - Possible locations along the Minuteman bike path. Other locations?

- Can residents be offered a sign to put in front of their house, or could website have instructions on a do it yourself yard sign.
- **Businesses to involve in EcoFest:**
 - Cambridge Savings Bank,
 - LexFarm
 - Ben Barkan
 - Sustainable / organic landscaping companies
 - Restaurants
 - The Gleaners
- Speaker Ideas: Ashka suggests Wynona La Duc, of White Earth Reservation and adds that we should not be shy to pursue someone big. We should look for a sponsor to cover speaker and travel fees for the speaker we want.
- **TOWN DAY:** Will share with Vision 2020 gang. Pay \$60 for table fee. For the table: info on Community Energy (Laura & Ashka). Trying to get both static and real time information on community wide energy use in Arlington.
- Ultimately would like to have a front page portal on the website to host this information updated periodically with automatic feeds.
 - Who should be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the project? Sustainable Arlington, Energy Working Group, Town of Arlington?
 - Does this require 3rd party review?
- **NEW TASK FORCE ON RESILIENCY/ADAPTATION:** Need members, name and start-up
- **NEXT MEETING:** Next month planned to be picnic at Charlotte's instead of meeting. August meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Wednesday 8/19.